(b) the details of quantity of wheat and sugar Government propose to export during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) No separate stocks of wheat and sugar are maintained exclusively for export of wheat and sugar.

(b) It is not possible to estimate the likely quantum and value of wheat and sugar that will be exported during the current financial year as the exports would depend upon international demand and supply position, domestic demand and supply position, international and domestic prices, consumer preference and varieties traded.

(c) The export of sugar has been allowed freely without any quantitative ceiling with effect from 1.4.2001. The export of wheat is also allowed freely subject to quantitative ceilings announced by Directorate General of Foreign Trade and issue of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificates (RCACs) by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). For the year 2001-02, an export ceiling of 5 million tonnes of wheat has been announced.

Further in order to boost the export of sugar, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) The sugar meant for export has been exempted from the levy obligation.

(ii) The quantity of sugar released for export is treated as advance free sale release to be adjusted in the free sale stocks of the sugar factories after a period of 12 months, which has now been increased to 18 months.

(iii) DEPB at the rate of 5% of the F.O.B. value of export of sugar has been allowed.

Non-plan expenditure

1542. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the non-plan expenditure of Government during the last three years;

(b) the extent to which Government would be successful in reducing the non-plan expenditure during the current fiscal year; and

(c) what is the basis of such reduction expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Non-plan expenditure during the last three years was as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Provisional)
212530	221929	236142

(b) and (c) Non-plan expenditure in the current fiscal year upto September, 2001 has been of the order of Rs. 107152 crore, which is 38.9% of the budgeted non-plan expenditure as compared to the five year moving average for the corresponding period of 42.2% Various initiatives to-effect economy in non-plan expenditure have been outlined in Finance Minister's Budget speech (Para 79, 80 and 81) while presenting the Union Budget for the year 2001-2002.

Merger of ICICI with ICICI Bank

1543. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICICI has merged with ICICI Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the share holdings of Government FI's, FII's and others after the merger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) ICICI Bank has submitted a proposal on 25th October, 2001 to Reserve Bank of India for merger of ICICI with it. The existing share holding pattern of ICICI and ICICI Bank are as given below:

	ICICI	*ICICI Bank*
ICICI		46.0
Government Institution	33.0	3.9
-LIC	12.3	1.2
-GIC/other insurance Cos.	10.2	0.4
-UTI	6.4	2.1
-Others	4.1	0.2